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Validity Study of NIE 32-55:

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1. The judgments contained in NIE 32-55 were generally sound. It correctly assessed the nature and importance of the effect which the death or withdrawal of Prime Minister Papagos would have on the general political situation. It did not estimate that Papagos' successor would be able to reconstitute a conservative grouping along the lines of the Greek Rally and win new elections. In this connection the estimate did not sufficiently take into account the role which the Palace and the army can play in the final outcome of a Greek election. The estimate's judgments on economic and military developments remain generally valid.

2. The only major shortcoming of the estimate was its failure to anticipate how far the Cyprus situation would deteriorate during the estimative period. This was reflected in an incorrect prediction that British influence in Greece would remain substantial and in a failure to foresee the sharp rise in Greek-Turkish tension which has taken place, together with the added internal political instability and the increased strains in Greece's relations with the US and NATO resulting therefrom.

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